

ACTRESS SUES QUAY'S FRIEND.

Louise Von Lindau Demands
\$50,000 from Judge
Galbraith.

POSED AS HER "ANGEL."

The Erie Magnate Is Alleged to
Have Sent the Plaintiff to
Europe to Study.

THE MONEY THAT NEVER CAME.

Thrown Into Extremities for Want of
Cash, Miss Von Lindau Says She
Was Forced to Part with
Her Jewels.

The defendant is Judge William A. Galbraith, an intimate friend of Matthew Stanley Quay, the renowned Pennsylvania "Boss." The plaintiff is Louise Von Lindau, once a popular actress. The amount claimed is \$50,000.

Judge Galbraith is a married man, the father of a family, a pillar of society, a shining light in politics. His age is sixty, and he lives in Erie. Miss Von Lindau is a sorrowful creature, broken in health, an inmate of the Baker-Boss Sanitarium, at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson.

Her story, as recited by George R. Phoenix, Miss Von Lindau's counsel, suggests the famous Belasco-Fairbank suit, only there is more tragedy than comedy woven into it. And there is no character corresponding to that of David Belasco. Mr. Phoenix presented the facts to Judge Smyth in the Supreme Court yesterday, and his Honor ordered that the service of the summons on Judge Galbraith be made by publication, inasmuch as he is a resident of another State—Pennsylvania.

Louise Von Lindau's story of her relations with Judge Galbraith date back to 1891, when, she says, he induced her to leave the stage and go to Europe for musical and dramatic study at his expense, the agreement being that when she had completed her course he should employ her on the American boards as a star of the first magnitude. The amount named as having been promised by the judge for her annual expenses in Europe is \$10,000.

It was after her arrival in Berlin, with \$10,000 worth of jewels and an unusually valuable stage wardrobe, that Miss Von Lindau's troubles began. Although Judge Galbraith had paid the expenses of her journey, her counsel says she waited in vain for the promised monthly remittances from Erie, Penn. In her anxiety and alarm the actress pleaded with him that if he would current expenses and raise the wherewithal to return to her native land, but on reaching Halle she met with an accident and broke both her legs.

While a patient in a Halle hospital one of the surgeons, Dr. Javert, asked her to marry him. In her perplexity she confided in the American Consul, Oscar F. Williams, who, at her request, sent a cablegram to Judge Galbraith telling him that if he would forward \$10,000 for the release of his protegee's effects she would renounce all claims upon him.

The judge's acceptance of this offer was to be signified by means of the code word "delay," and, sure enough, there came back a cablegram saying "delay." Thereupon Miss Von Lindau made preparations to leave the gallant surgeon, and the Consul released her, but held it pending the arrival of the Pennsylvania's cash.

No money arrived, however, according to Attorney Phoenix, and Mr. Williams is still, Miss Von Lindau broke her engagement with the doctor, returned to America and made many attempts to obtain some satisfaction from Judge Galbraith, but without success, she says. In her extremity she contracted the morphine habit and made more than one appearance in the police courts.

It is alleged that Judge Galbraith has attempted to compromise some of the debts Miss Von Lindau contracted on the strength of his letters during her short stay in Europe.

CLEVELAND STARTS BACK.

Onida Leaves Gray Gables with Ex-President and Party Direct for New York.

Buzzard's Bay, Mass., May 5.—Ex-President Cleveland and friends left on the Onida at daylight this morning. They intend to go direct to New York, whence Mr. Cleveland will proceed immediately to his home at Princeton.

Mr. Cleveland did not state when he would return home with his family, but it is believed that they will be here about June 1.

"Joe" Jefferson has turned his attention again to painting with oils. His boys will all be here in a few days. He will then vary his time with fishing trips in their company.

After Trunks in the Hay State.

Boston, May 5.—Representative Keenan, of Boston, introduced a resolution in the House to-day providing for an investigation by a select committee of all trusts and monopolies in the State, the committee to report at the next General Court. The investigation, it ordered, will be limited to the one held in New York State a few weeks ago.

Happenings in Society.

Cards have been issued for the wedding of Miss May Tool, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Tool, of No. 20 East Sixty-seventh street, and Francis G. London, to take place at noon on May 20, at the Church of the Heavenly Rest.

The biggest collection of flowers displayed in the salons of the outbreak occurred at St. Paul yesterday were those intended for the numerous members of the Osborne family. For General W. M. Osborne there was a fully rigged floral ship.

Cards have been issued for the wedding of Miss Marie Louise Major, of No. 9 East Seventy-third street, and Albert H. Tatum, which will take place at 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, May 20, at the Church of the Heavenly Rest.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bartlett, of the Hotel Majestic, give a reception this afternoon from 4 until 6 o'clock.

Mrs. George L. Norton and Miss Norton, who arrived yesterday via Antwerp by the Southwark, will travel for the evening two months.

The date of the wedding of Miss Elizabeth M. Harrison and Professor William H. Scholtz, University of Virginia, has been fixed for June 12. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Tucker Harrison, of No. 221 West Twenty-third street.

Mrs. S. Hale Withams and her Withams, who sail within a fortnight for Europe, will return to their town residence, No. 27 East Seventy-fifth street, in the autumn.

Cards have been received here for a tea to be given by Mrs. Adolph Kuntze, at her residence in Bard Avenue, New Brighton, S. I., next Sunday afternoon.

Among other passengers on the outgoing steamship St. Paul yesterday was Mrs. Pennington Mallow, who has been visiting her father, Bishop Wilson, and is now en route for her home at Hartford, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Elliot, who sailed yesterday on the St. Paul, will be absent for two months.

Dr. and Mrs. Marion Gilman will return to their home, Hartsfield, Andover Park, this city. Immediately after the Queen's Jubilee, they went to Europe directly after their wedding.

Mrs. J. V. Beardsley and her son, Abraham Beardsley, of No. 1 Madison avenue, will leave town on June 1 for Pittsfield, Mass.



Louise Von Lindau, Who Is Suing Judge Galbraith.

PASSING CHECKS MEEKER'S MANIA?

Son Telegraphs from Chicago
That His Father Is
Irresponsible.

FORMERLY A STEEL BARON.

Prisoner Says Mark Hanna Is
His Cousin and That He
Owns Rich Mines.

Arthur B. Meeker, who says he is a cousin of Mark Hanna, and formerly associated with him in the iron business, was before the Yorkville Police Court yesterday morning charged with paying bills in worthless checks. He said he was sixty-one years old, a native of Utah, and formerly president of the Illinois Iron and Steel Company.

Solomon, the Broadway florist, charged that Meeker had given him a \$11 check on the Knickerbocker Bank in payment for flowers. Dr. Richmond, a dentist, of No. 70 West Thirty-fifth street, appeared with warrants in other cases against the accused. He said Meeker had swindled him out of \$100, also the Jacobs Brothers, tailors, out of \$23.

Dr. Richmond afterward produced warrants issued to other victims. He said Meeker had come to his office about April 1 with a letter of introduction from Mrs. Joaquin Miller, wife of the poet. Meeker had been boarding at her house. The dentist had hardly begun to work on Meeker's teeth before Colonel Savage, the author of "My Official Wife," dropped in. He was introduced to Meeker during the dental procedure.

Meeker spoke familiarly of Mark Hanna as his cousin and former partner in the iron business; said he had introduced Hanna to his present wife, when she was Miss Rhodes, the belle of Ohio, and daughter of "Uncle Rhodes," the well-known Democrat. The daughter and Mark Hanna were ardent Republicans, and her Democratic father opposed the match. Meeker finally won him over in favor of Hanna and the marriage took place. Meeker related his experiences in business with leading men of the United States, most of whom Colonel Savage, the novelist, said he had met or knew by reputation.

The result of this preliminary conversation was a three days' talk, and the dentist lost much time and patience, but he heard enough good stories concerning members of the Union League and the big men of the country to fill a book.

Meeker enlarged on his "enormous" business transactions, and the manufacture of steel rails for the trunk lines of this country and of Europe. He gave facts and

figures about his mines and land improvement schemes. He said his zinc mine in Ontario County was a bonanza. Incidentally he said he could draw his check for a hundred thousand and it would be honored in any reputable bank. It was such statements as these made with easy grace that beguiled the dentist and Colonel Savage, the novelist.

When Meeker's mouth had been filled with new teeth he drew a check for \$100 and said he would pay the remaining \$30 in a few days. It was on the Knickerbocker Bank, and Dr. Richmond deposited it for collection. It came back in a few days with "No funds" printed across the back. The dentist proceeded to investigate, and found that a half-dozen similar checks had been drawn on the bank, in which Meeker had no deposits. Detectives found that Meeker had offices for his mining company in the new Bowling Green building. On the door appears this legend in gilt:

Ontario Zinc Company—A. B. Meeker, Southwestern Land Improvement Company, of Arkansas.

A telegram yesterday said the zinc mines exist only on paper.

Mrs. Joaquin Miller, of No. 175 West Forty-fifth street, received one of Meeker's checks. Dr. Theibert, of West Thirty-third street, was charmed with Meeker's stories of his big mines, and one day advanced him \$2,500. It is alleged. Warrants for Meeker's arrest were issued yesterday in behalf of several claimants, but later in the day Arthur Meeker, superintendent for Armour & Co., the Chicago beef packers, telegraphed that his father was out of his mind and irresponsible, that all his checks would be paid at once. Emerson Foote, the iron man, representing the son, and members of the Union League, of which Meeker claims to be a member, visited lawyers in Wall street and paid the claims that had been presented. He said the others would be settled on presentation.

The prisoner's examination was set for Friday, and the \$300 bail was furnished by Thomas A. Connor, of No. 139 Lafayette boulevard.

"JEFF" DAVIS DESK GONE.

No Trace Can Be Found of the War Department Relic—Doe's Wardrobe Is Missing, Too.

Washington, May 5.—Among the most valued and hitherto most carefully guarded of the United States relics in the War Department was what was known as the Jefferson Davis desk. This was the desk at which the celebrated Confederate leader sat and attended to public business when he was Secretary of War.

Now the desk is gone. So is ex-Assistant Secretary of War Doe, to whose care the desk was especially commended when he received his appointment. It was somewhat shabby at that time, but none the less cherished as a war time relic.

Mr. Doe called in a department carpenter and had him fix up the desk in first-class style. It was admired all the more and remained in its place until shortly before it was time for Mr. Doe to pack up and return to Wisconsin. Since then no trace of it has been found.

Another place of War Department furniture is also missing. This is a \$200 wardrobe, which was made according to Mr. Doe's special instructions.

Corwin's Fate Probably Dismissal.

Washington, May 5.—Lieutenant Lauchheimer, Marine Corps, Judge Advocate of the Court-martial, just concluded at Newport, has arrived in Washington, bringing with him the record of the proceedings and findings of the court. These have been reviewed by Judge Advocate-General Lemay, and then go to the Secretary of War before promulgation. It is generally believed here that the sentence is dismissal.

STUDIOUS PUPIL'S FACE DISTORTED.

Strange Physical Misfortune
Befalls Pretty Helena
Bussing.

MOTHER BLAMES TEACHER.

Child Was Kept in After School
Had Been Dismissed Every
Day for Six Weeks.

Few incidents in the history of Public School No. 20, in Jersey City, have caused so much comment or provoked such a variety of rumors as has the case of fifteen-year-old Helena Bussing, who is just recovering from an unusual facial distortion.

Miss Bussing is the daughter of Frederick W. Bussing, of the firm of Bussing & Graef, of No. 65 Wilkinson avenue, Jersey City. His residence is at No. 24 Winfield avenue. She is quite a pretty girl, still in short skirts.

The way her fellow pupils told of the girl's misfortune was that Miss Wescott, the teacher, had scolded Helena one afternoon, and that the child began to cry, until her face was suddenly drawn to one side until she could not be recognized as the same pretty girl of the moment before. This story reached the ears of the principal, Jacob C. Rinehart, and finally was heard by Superintendent Henry Snyder, and they both investigated the case carefully. They found that the child had been withdrawn from school and was under the treatment of Dr. S. A. Hollister. Dr. Hollister had pronounced her trouble facial paralysis. They did not think the teacher at fault.

A call at the Bussing home, on Winfield avenue, yesterday brought Helena herself to the door. Her features are still slightly drawn, but she is recovering and will soon be herself again. Her mother spoke for her:

"I do not care to criticize Miss Wescott, or, in fact, to have anything more said about the case, but I do not consider her blameless. No, I will not carry it before the Board of Education. We will let the matter drop now, but I was very indignant for a while. My daughter was kept after school for an hour every day and compelled to make up lessons which she had missed. She was a hard student, and all that was humiliating to her. Helena will not be allowed to return to that school."

Miss Wescott is about thirty years of age, her hair prematurely tinged with gray. She has large, kindly eyes and a face which carries sincerity and conviction. She is a lovely child, and I have high esteem by all associated with her. She spoke with the utmost frankness about the case of Helena Bussing, when seen at the school yesterday.

"She is a sensitive, ambitious girl," said Miss Wescott, "but at the same time somewhat aloof. She is a very good student, and I have been much interested in her. It was in February that she came into my class. She could not keep up with her studies during the regular hours, which are from 9 until 3 o'clock, and I was compelled to keep her for a while every day after the class was dismissed to make up her studies. She missed. I did not treat her harshly, however, or say anything to her that would make her cry."

In addition to her work at school I found out from her mother, after the child was stricken, that she had been devoting two hours a day to music, setting up until 12 or 1 o'clock at night studying and getting up as early as 5 o'clock in the morning to have over her books. That was too much. Very naturally she could not stand it. I went to see her mother and told her that she should not have permitted such overwork on the part of the child. That, I think, was alone responsible for the trouble."

NEW KINK IN RAINES LAW.

Amended Liquor Tax Measure Apparently
Enables Clubs in "No License" Towns
to Get a Certificate.

Nyack, May 5.—A new kink in the Raines bill has been discovered in Rockland County.

A few days ago the Suffern Social Club, which was incorporated prior to March, 1896, made application for a license under the amended Raines law. County Treasurer Hasbrouck declined to entertain the application on the ground that the town of Ramapo, in which the club is located, voted "no license" last Spring. The attorney for the club contended that as the question of license for clubs was not considered at the Spring election and as clubs were not liable to a tax prior to April 21 last it was entitled to a certificate under the amended law.

The County Treasurer submitted the question to District Attorney Wheeler for his opinion.



Mary Cummings, Girl Burglar.

Though only ten years old, she broke open a house, stole a bicycle and was selling it when she was detected. She says she likes to be out at midnight, for then burglars are about and she can see how they work.

PRIZE FIGHT IN A STATE HOUSE.

Delaware Lawmakers See
Ten Rounds Between
Feather-Weights.

SIT IN THE GALLERY.

Ring in Front of the Speaker's
Desk, and All Details Accord-
ing to Queensberry.

Dover, Del., May 5.—Another sensation has struck the Legislature of this State. It is in the nature of a discovery that a real prize fight has been fought within the walls of the old State House in which the laws of Delaware are made, and that the hall of the House of Representatives was the arena in which two young Dover pugilists spilled their blood to make a holiday for six or seven members of the Legislature.

Late on Monday night Harry Stout and Ernest King, two local feather-weight prize fighters, went to the House of Representatives, and there, in the presence of members of the Legislature, fought a ten-round glove contest. They were clad in regulation prize ring costume and went at each other for blood. The ring was pitched in front of Speaker Higgins's desk and the spectators occupied seats in the gallery. Each fighter had a second, and the contest was fought under Marquis of Queensberry rules. The referee was a local sportsman whose name has not yet been disclosed.

The contest lasted for thirty-five minutes and was hard fought from start to finish. At the end of the tenth round both fighters were groggy and the referee decided the contest a draw.

Members Wanted a Change.

It leaked out to-day that the prize fight was secretly arranged by four members of the House of Representatives, who wanted some excitement to relieve them of the mental strain incident to the investigation of the divorce trouble now brewing in the Legislature.

Following so closely the charges of misconduct of members in connection with divorce legislation, the discovery of the

prize fight threw legislative circles into a state of intense agitation to-day. Some of the members spoke in favor of a resolution to investigate the matter. They declared that the State House had been desecrated and that the members responsible for the desecration should be censured.

Other members looked upon the occurrence as a good joke. The matter was discussed for several hours and was finally disposed of in a secret meeting. A reprint was given the members who were responsible for the fight, and each swore that he would never again use the State House as a place of amusement.

NIELSEN'S STORY FALSE.

Captain O'Brien Says He Was in Prison at
the Time of the Harris
Murder.

Captain O'Brien, of the Detective Bureau, who has ridiculed the statement of the convict, Nielsen, concerning the Ferdinand Harris murder ever since it became public, two days ago, emerged from his reserve yesterday and gave out a statement showing that he does not believe that Nielsen is telling the truth and that his tale of Blufaden and "Low Dutch" Henry committing the murder is a product of the jail bird's fecund fancy.

"Ferdinand Harris," said Captain O'Brien yesterday, "was murdered on the afternoon of May 27, 1895. Nielsen, in his confession, says he went to the Borden house, at No. 25 West Sixty-fifth street, that afternoon, in company with two men, Blufaden and 'Low Dutch' Henry, for the purpose of robbing the place. He claims he left them because they wanted him to enter the house when he was ignorant of its arrangement, and that they then tried the job alone and killed Harris, the butler."

Nielsen tells his story from the standpoint of a man who was near the spot when the crime was committed. I can show where he is a liar in one part of it. On December 7, 1894, Simon Cohen, of No. 101 Ludlow street, was on his way to a bank in Grand street to have a check cashed. Nielsen stole the check from Cohen's pocket, and when Cohen got to the bank he found Nielsen there trying to cash it. Policeman Gensheimer, of the Elizabeth Street Station, arrested Nielsen, and he was tried on December 17, 1894, and sentenced to serve six months."

He did not get out of prison until June 19, 1895, almost a month after the Harris murder was committed. Unless he possesses the quality of being in two places at the same time he was not with the men who killed Borden's butler on the 27th day of May. I could have told all this to the Jersey police had they asked me for information."

Somnambulist Fell from Window.

Burlington, N. J., May 5.—Mrs. Thomas Muller, while walking about the house in her sleep last night, raised a window on the second story and fell out. Some time later her husband missed her and raised an alarm. His wife was found on the ground under the window by the neighbors. She was badly hurt.

SON VOYAGE TO THE DIPLOMATS!

Distinguished Americans Sail
Away—Society Folk,
Too.

PORTER OFF FOR PARIS.

Miles Leaves for Greece—Con-
suls Gowdy and Osborne Sail
with Their Families.

ANNA HELD IN A ROSE BOWER.

Blanche Walsh Also Embarks on the
St. Paul and Many Other
Theatrical People
Say Goodby.

Not for many a day has a transatlantic steamer carried from the port of New York so distinguished a lot of diplomats, soldiers and society leaders as did the St. Paul yesterday.

The big liner was packed two hours before the start with well-known dignitaries. Forward, on the promenade deck, General Horace Porter, Ambassador to France, held a levee with a delegation from the Loyal Legion, Sons of Veterans, Grand Army of the Republic and the Union League Club, while Mrs. Porter and her daughter received their women friends in suites 15 and 17.

General Nelson A. Miles, off for the Greece-Turkish war, arrived early, accompanied by Captain Marion F. Mans, of Washington, who will act as his private secretary, and a group of military friends.

Captain John K. Gowdy, late of Rushville, Ind., but now Consul-General to Guy Paree, paced the promenade deck with dignity, arm in arm with Cousin William McKinley Osborne, Consul-General at Liverpool. Richard Westcott, of Boston, Vice-Consul at London, and Colonel William H. Williams, special agent of the United States Treasury at Paris, were also passengers.

Society Well Represented.

Scattered about the decks and in the cabins were the Seligmans, Blauvelts, Crescents, Wannamakers, Fields, Marbles and a host of other New York and neighboring society folk.

"Oui, monsieur," said Captain Gowdy, "I'm going straight to Paree."

Captain Gowdy laid his broad hand on the reporter's shoulder and averred, in confidence, that he didn't speak French "Sorry," said the Captain, "but come and see me about harvest time and I'll tell you all about Paree."

He paid no so pleased about this appointment," said Captain Gowdy, "on my own account as I am on account of my wife and daughter. My daughter will get the benefit of a European education that she wouldn't have got in Rushville, you see."

Ambassador Porter is not so new to France as Captain Gowdy. "I have been in Paris three times," said he, "and know many French public and commercial men. My acquaintance with them will help me. I think to bring about a good understanding between this country and France in the matter of preparation for the Paris Exposition."

Miles Off to the War.

General Miles, commander of the United States Army, talked freely of his trip to Europe. "I would not be surprised," said he, "to find on arriving in Europe that the Greece-Turkish war is over. As to the rest of my trip, I shall be guided by circumstances, but I shall be glad to visit all the European capitals before my return to study military affairs."

"If the situation is still in progress when I reach Athens I am going to the frontier and acquaint myself with the system under which the Greek and Turkish military operations are conducted."

General William McKinley Osborne was the least talkative of the notables on the St. Paul. He is the son of the late President, was of the party which bade the new Consul-General to London adieu, and General Osborne poured his hopes and dreams into his ears.

General Osborne was accompanied by Mrs. Osborne and the Misses Elizabeth, Margaret, and Frances, and their two daughters, C. Glidden, of Briarcliffe, and May. I could have told all this to the Jersey police had they asked me for information."

Among the professional contingent the stage was well represented. Anna Held, the actress, and her French troupe, the actor folk, before her arrival women tolled up the gangplank in platoons, bearing flowers and bouquets, and when they came on board a long table groaned under the weight of her floral presents. Loads of them were banked in the small rooms of her suite. She was waist deep in blush roses when she said:

"The Americans would be the French if they but talked the French tongue. I love this country. I shall be back, never fear, I shall come in October or November."

Blanche Walsh, accompanied by her mother, occupied suit No. 101. "Mugens," the actress's bull terrier, is going with her. Miss Walsh will play in "Secret Service" at the Adelphi, in London, for a month, and visit St. Petersburg and the Norway fjords in the hot months of Summer.

Mrs. Henry E. Abbey, widow of the famous Impresario, sailed on the St. Paul to complete the London engagement interrupted by her husband's death.

Theatrical and Other Folk.

Leading members of the "Secret Service" company were passengers, headed by William Gillette and Mrs. Al Hayman. The orchestra of the "Secret Service" company serenaded them from the pier as they embarked.

Among the passengers were: Mr. and Mrs. Manton Marble, A. H. Mayhew, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. S. Blauvelt, V. T. Cunnock, Mrs. E. O. French and Miss French, Mr. and Mrs. T. Pearsall Field, F. Gray Griswold and Daniel Frohman.

The White Star Line steamship Majestic, which sailed yesterday, carried many distinguished passengers. Charlemagne Tower, Ambassador to Austria-Hungary, left for his official post at Vienna. Mr. Ross, Ogden Mills and family, Mrs. A. J. Forbes-Kelch, Albert Bierstadt, T. J. Coolidge, J. John E. Cowdy, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Mains, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Moller and Miss Moller, J. Hampton Robb, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Fair of San Francisco, were among the passengers.

MAYOR KILLS A PARK BILL.

But He Approves of Running "L." Cars Over the Brooklyn Bridge.

Mayor Strong vetoed the Perkins bill yesterday. It called for the laying out of an immense park at Spuyten Duyvil, which would have cost the city from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000. The Mayor's reason was that the bill was too loosely drawn.

Nine bills were approved by the Mayor, including that which gives the Brooklyn Bridge trustees authority to carry out the plan of running elevated railroad cars over the Bridge. The measure providing for the repaving of Ninth avenue from Fourteenth street to Sixtieth street was also approved.



THREE DIPLOMATS, ONE SOLDIER AND A PRETTY ACTRESS WHO SAILED ON THE ST. PAUL.